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Subject: Re: updated critical issues list

Lisa:

Thanks for putting together the critical list materials. I would like to offer the following comments.

1. From a general perspective, it would be prudent to identify those items that actually require new legislation to implement prior to the final version of the plan.
2. If there is a legislative "to do" list it as a byproduct of the plan it should be clear and to the point. That is, specific reasons why legislation is needed and what the objectives are.
3. I don't believe Watershed Management actions (see Governments) are limited to water supply. Indeed, most good watershed management projects are most alike due to water quality improvements. However, some (not all by any means) could improve water supply. Again, this is some old history but emphasizing water supply in coniferous watersheds triggers memories in some folks minds of U.S. Forest Service tests in the 1950's on cross slope clear cuts to create greater snow pack (and water yield). I know of no serious proposal in watershed management to try to recreate those projects.
4. The local control point on governments is not just linked to land use decisions it is also critical to ground water planning, management and regulation. Please add those.
5. I believe in the "all sectors" section the word affordable should also be included. Maybe between practical and sensible?

Thanks again,

John

Lisa Beutler wrote:

As follow-up from our meeting yesterday, attached are the issues various sectors identified as "critical" for inclusion in this water plan update. Staff and facilitators will use this list as a form of

checklist for the document. PLEASE REVIEW TO ENSURE ALL YOUR COMMENTS WERE CAPTURED. We will also post this as part of yesterday's workshop materials.

Based on the meeting, Chapter 1 also needs to clearly:

- * Get to the point
- * State the key messages
- * Differentiate between recommendations and findings
- * Note the importance, challenges and urgency of moving forward

Most in the group noted that the message needs to be "more than about the money." Some highlighted specific concerns regarding the potential for major negative consequences if key actions are not taken.

We also know we have substantial work to do in determining the best way to present numbers - particularly back of the napkin numbers. I have asked DWR to begin to formulate a more formal departmental perspective about the numbers and BJ Miller has started a dialogue on the same topic.

Several of you have offered to provide specific suggestions for the text. We look forward to bringing focus to this chapter and setting the stage for the public review draft.

Sincerely,
Lisa Beutler